A

Course of Lectures,

ON THE

Theory and Practice

OF

MIDWIFRY,

BY

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IN WHICH

Every thing material to the True Knowledge and Practice of the ART will be fully explained and clearly demonstrated, by a proper Apparatus on a new Construction, so formed as in every Case to imitate real Nature.

Of the Form, Structure, and Parts of the FEMALE PELVIS.

Of the Organs of Generation and the Doctrine of Conception.

The Pathology and Treatment of the various Diseases of Child-bearing Women and Children.

A Comparative View of the Antient, and Modern Practice.

The whole will be illustrated by such Preparations, as are useful in each Lecture; with Practical Observations and Improvements, but in particular by real Labours.

PROPOSALS.

THE Expence of attending the Firſt Courſe, Three Guineas.

For every Future Courſe, Two Guineas.

Every Gentleman paying Nine Guineas the Firſt Courſe will be intitled to attend every Future Courſe for one Year, and deliver in their Turns every Laborious, or Præternatural Caſe which offers during the Year.

The Gentlemen will have an Opportunity of attending a Number of Labours at a Houſe provided for that Purpoſe; under the Direction of Mr. ROWLEY, and will have the Liberty of Preſcribing, in every Caſe where Medicine is Neceſſary.

The Money to be paid at the Firſt Lecture, at which Time the Hour for Attendance will be ſettled by the Majority of Pupils.

The Lectures will continue every Three Weeks, of which timely Notice will be given in the Public Papers ſome Days before the commencement of each Courſe.

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Courſe of Lectures.

LECTURE I.

AN Hiſtorical Account of the Riſe and Progreſs of the Midwifry of the Antients, with Obſervations on their Theory and Practice.

An Account of the Opinions, Practice, and Improvements of the Moderns.

A General Account of the Method intended to be purſued in the following Courſe of Lectures.

LECTURE II.

Of the Structure and Form of the Female Pelvis and the Bones which compoſe it, with the Dimenſions of a well form'd Pelvis.

Of the diſtorted and narrow Pelvis, with Neceſſary, and Practical Remarks.

Of the Relative Proportions between the Fœtal Cranium, and Pelvis, with Remarks on the Form and Structure of the Fœtal Cranium.

LECTURE III.

Of the external Parts of Generation proper to Women.

Of the Figure of the Uterus in the Unimpregnated State. Of the Catamenia and Fluor Albus.

LECTURE IV.

On Conception, with the Opinions of Antient and Modern Authors concerning it.

Of the Signs of Conception.

Of Twins, Superfœtation, Extra Uterine Fœtuſes, Falſe Conceptions, and monſtrous Births.

LECTURE V.

On the Complaints and Diſeaſes, peculiar to Pregnant Women.

On Abortion, with its proper Treatment, and Prevention.

LECTURE VI.

Of the Child's Situation in the Uterus.

On Touching.

On the Diviſion of Labours.

LECTURE VII.

On natural Labours and their management.

How to tye the Funis Umbilicalis, and the Delivery of the Placenta.

LECTURE VIII.

On Difficult and Laborious Caſes and their Cauſes.

Of the Methods now practiſed in ſuch Caſes.

General Rules for uſing the Forceps.

LECTURE IX.

Of the Vertex or Fontanel preſenting.

Of the Face or Ear preſenting.

LECTURE X.

On Præternatural Labours, with new and ſingular Improvements.

The Method to be uſed in turning the Child, to deliver it by the Feet.

LECTURE XI.

Of the Delivery, when the Feet, Knees, or Breech preſent.

Of the Delivery of the Child preſenting with its Back, Belly, or Side.

LECTURE XII.

Of the Funis preſenting, and the Danger attending it, with the neceſſary Cautions.

Of the Arm or Shoulder preſenting.

The manner of delivering the Child's-Head, when left in the UTERUS, with the uſe of Amands Net, Terebra occulta, Tere Tete and Forceps.

LECTURE XIII.

Of the Delivery of Twins, Monſters, Falſe Conceptions, and Polipuſes of the Uterus.

On paſſing the Catheter.

On the Cæſarean Operation.

LECTURE XIV.

On the Treatment of Women after Delivery, in After Pains, Laceration of the Perineum, or Neck of the Bladder, Obſtruction or Incontinence of Urine, Prolapſus of the Uterus or Rectum. Obſtruction of the Lochia, Milk Fever, Diſeaſes of the Breaſts, Diarrhœa, and the evacuations neceſſary at the End of the Month.

LECTURE XV.

On the Management of New-Born Children.

Of the Diſeaſes common to Children and the Method of Cure.

Of the Mould ſhot Head, Hydrocephalus, Spina Bifida, Hare Lip, confinement of the Tongue, Obſtruction of the natural Paſſages.

Of the Hernia Congenita, Dentition, and Dyſentary.

Of the Tinea, Apthæ, and the Diſcharge behind the Ears.

Of the Diſeaſes in the Second State of Infancy in the Small-Pox, and Inoculation, Meaſles, Tuſſis, Rickets, Atrophia, Worms, Scrophula and Lues Venerea.

Practical Cautions of the Danger of giving Opiates, &c. in the Diſeaſe of Children.

On the choice of Nurſes.

LECTURE XVI.

On the Uſe and Abuſe of Inſtruments.

A candid Examination of the preſent Mode of Practice, in which many Precepts which are now adopted as improvements in this Art; are clearly demonſtrated from Reaſon and Facts to be erronious and fatal.

A Variety of new Obſervations more agreeable to the Simplicity of Nature, and entirely deduced from Experience and Succeſs: With intention to introduce a ſafer Practice.

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LECTURE XVI.

On the Use and Abuse of Instruments.

A candid Examination of the present Mode of Practice, in which many Precepts which are now adopted as improvements in this Art: are clearly demonstrated from Observation and Facts to be erroneous and delusive.

A Variety of new Observations more agreeable to the Simplicity of Nature and entirely deduced from Experience and Success: With intention to introduce a better Practice.

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